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PROCESS AND STRUCTURE TO FABRICATE
SPIN VALVE HEADS FOR ULTRA-HIGH
RECORDING DENSITY APPLICATION

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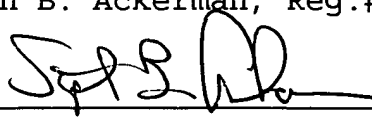
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U.S. Patent 6,141,191 to Lee et al., "Spin Valves with Enhanced GMR and Thermal Stability," discloses a spin valve sensor with enhanced GMR effect and improved thermal stability.

U.S. Patent 6,567,246 to Sakakima et al., "Magnetoresistance Effect Element and Method for Producing the Same, and Magnetoresistance Effect Type Head, Magnetic Recording Apparatus, and Magnetoresistance Effect Memory Element," discloses a magnetoresistive effect element which produces a high level of output to an outside magnetic field in response to a change in a magnetoresistance.

U.S. Patent 6,414,825 to Inoue et al., "Thin Film Device, Thin Film Magnetic Head and Magnetoresistive Element," teaches a method for improving the thermal conductivity and hardness of shield gap films by sputtering BN, SiN and CN layers in the presence of oxygen and Ar.

U.S. Patent 6,221,508 to Kanbe et al., "Magnetic Recording Media," teaches the use of Ar sputtering with the admixture of small percentages of other gases (including oxygen at approx. 10%) in forming recording media with reduced grain size for low-noise magnetic recording.

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U. S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	614119	10/31/00	Lee et al.	360	324.1	12/5/97
	6567246	5/20/03	Sakakima et al.	360	324.11	3/1/00
	6414825	7/2/02	Inoue et al.	360	320	9/30/99
	6221508	4/24/01	Kambe et al.	428	617	12/8/98

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